

St Brigid's School Newsletter



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Room 3 Class Report

Room 3 has settled into this term well. We have had a busy term with quest, PE and a special visit to Kavanagh to watch their show 'Annie' which was a highlight for many.

Writing:

In writing we are looking at writing narratives. We have been focusing on creating a problem and working out a solution for the characters in our writing. Room 3 have been creating many interesting stories.

Maths:

Measuring volumes and capacities has been a focus so far this term. We have helped Miss Carvell to find containers that hold different classroom items and have been measuring how many children can fit in different spaces. We are enjoying learning about this topic.

Religious Education:

The Holy Spirit is the strand that we have started this term. We have been looking at what we believe in, and why we believe in things. There have been many interesting discussions during this time and it is good to see the children progressing in their faith journeys.

Inquiry:

We will be looking more in depth at Matariki and different Maori myths and legends during this term.

QUEST:

The children have really enjoyed working with Mrs V learning about robots and technology. There have been lots of great stories from excited children when they come back into class after working with her.

We hope all the families at school have a wonderful weekend

Love from Room 3



17 May 2019

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Dear Parents / Caregivers

Values Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were recognised as living the value of as living the value of Atawhaitia – Care



Room 4 – Haydon Hong

Room 3 – Freddy Patston

Room 2 – Sasha Lam

Room 1 – Teddy Leckie

Room 5 – Camille Genobe



Strike Day – School will be closed on Wednesday 29th May as the teaching staff will be on strike. The decision to take further strike action was not taken lightly by any of us.

For the first time, both primary and secondary teachers will be striking together because we need the Government to understand how serious the state of education has become in New Zealand. Thank you for your support.



Our independent onsite after school care and holiday programme providers will be open from 8:00am – 6:00pm on Wednesday 29th May. Please contact them directly via their website <http://tekahakids.com/contact-us/> or email them at info@tekahakids.com if you wish your child to attend for this day. Remember to mention that your child attends St Brigid's School if you are new to the programme. Holiday charges will apply.

Celebration

We are having our first Celebration for this term next Friday 24th May at 2.40pm.

This is an exciting opportunity for your children to share and celebrate their learning with you and for you to explore the other classes at St Brigid's.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Absences

If your child is going to be absent please ring the office prior to 9am or leave a message on the answerphone. You can also send the office an email on office@stbrigidsschool.nz

Due to regulations schools are required to code children's absences for the Ministry so please let us also know the reason your child is not at school, for example illness, doctors appointment, etc.

Important Reminders

- Parking:** Please refrain from parking on the yellow lines and across driveways when you drop off and pick up your children.
- Sickness:** There are some viruses around at the moment which cause vomiting and diarrhoea. If your child shows any of these symptoms they should not be at school for 48 hours following the last episode.
- Clothing:** Please check that all of your child's clothing is correctly named as we have a number of items that may be heading to the uniform shop if they are not collected and labelled clearly.
- Jerseys / Jackets:** all children should now be coming to school with a jersey and jacket. **No hoodies please as they are not part of the school uniform.**

What's Happening Next Week?	
Sun 19 th	Parish/School Mass at 9:30am at St Patrick's
Wed 22 nd	BOT Meeting at 6pm
Thurs 23 rd	Colin MacLeod – Session 1 “People of the Book” 6-7:30pm at St Patrick's
Fri 24 th	Celebration – 2:40pm
What's Happening in Term 2	
May	
Mon 27 th	Chat Bus
Wed 29 th	Strike Day – School Closed
Thurs 30 th	Colin MacLeod – Session 2 “People of the Book” 6-7:30pm at St Patrick's
Fri 31 st	Nano Nagle Mufti Day (gold coin donation)
June	
Mon 3 rd	Queen's Birthday – School Closed
Tues 4 th	Art Gallery Rms 3 & 2
Thurs 6 th	Matariki Celebration 5:30pm at St Patrick's
Mon 10 th	Chat Bus
Tues 11 th	PTA Meeting
Sun 16 th	Parish/School Mass – 9:30am at St Patrick's
Mon 17 th	Art Gallery Trip Room 4
Wed 19 th	BOT Meeting at 6pm
Thurs 20 th	Art Gallery Trips Rooms 1 & 5
	Reconciliation – 6pm at St Patrick's
Fri 21 st	Celebration – 2:40pm
Mon 24 th	Chat Bus
Wed 26 th	PTA Bowl-a-Thon
July	
Fri 5 th	Last Day of Term 2

Special Lunch Days

Friday 24th May – Wraps
 Friday 7th June – Savouries
 Friday 21st June – Pizza
 Friday 5th July – Sausage Sizzle

Tax Receipts – receipts for voluntary contributions paid during the last financial year will be coming home early next week.

RE Comment

Week 3
 13 May – 17 May



This term we begin by focusing on the Holy Spirit in our Religious Education learning, the third part of the Trinity.

The Holy Spirit – Te Wairua Tapu helps us every day to be the best that we can, to be followers of Jesus through all that we say and do.

Help us to be good instruments of the Te Wairua Tapu.

Sports News

Winter Sports: If your child is unable to play please notify the school and coach as early as possible so alternative arrangements can be made for the game/team.

Hockey: St Brigid's Combined Team - the Saints won 3-1 against Green Sticks. Draw for next Wednesday 22 May – Saints v GSNS – Pav5 at 5:05pm.

Kiwihoops (Miniball): All Kiwihoops starts on the 23rd of May and finishes on the 22nd August. The Draw for next week will be put on the school's Facebook page once it is received.

Netball: St Brigid's Stars played 2 games on Tuesday 14 May at the Festival Day. Milly Wright was awarded P.O.D for doing really well at finding space, moving around the circle and great teamwork.

On Thursday 6th June we are having a special Matariki Celebration from 5.30pm for our St Brigid's School Community. This is going to be held at St Patrick's. We have arranged a special guest and have an exciting night planned. Keep an eye out for the special flyer coming home next week.

MATARIKI


Kind regards – Deborah Charleson

Parish / School Mass

Our Parish/ School Mass is this Sunday 19th May at 9.30 am at St Patrick's in Macandrew Road.

These are important occasions and are part of school life. We would like to see as many families there as possible.

BOT News

 **Next meeting:** Wednesday 22 May

SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Board of Trustees Election

Nomination forms have been sent to all eligible voters – if you have not received one please contact me.

Remember that nominations close at noon next Friday, 24 May.

Moiria O'Shea
Returning Officer


School Trustee Elections are


happening in Term 2 this year. Board of Trustees play an important role in our school communities creating a better future for our children. Trustees are active leaders in our schools. They have an important role of supporting strong professional leadership and ensuring effective teaching for all students through informed governance. Explore


<https://www.trusteeelection.co.nz> and see how you can step forward for our school.

If you would like to know more about what it is like being a Trustee for St Brigid's, Craig Ashton 021 193 7481 is happy to answer any questions.

PTA NEWS

 **Entertainment Books:** Thank you to everyone that has purchased or returned their Entertainment Books. If you still have an unwanted one at home please return it as soon as possible.

 **Save the Date** for our Bowl-a-thon on Wednesday 26th June.

 **Next Meeting:** Tuesday 11th June 7.30pm in the staffroom. All welcome.



Stuck for childcare on the next Teachers Strike Day? We will be operating from Bayfield High School 8 am - 6 pm on the 29th May. With specialised sports clinics delivered to children via our highly trained coaches, everyone is guaranteed to have lots of fun. To enrol visit <http://playballdunedin.com/playball-strike-day.php> or email: coachliam@playball.co.nz. Be QUICK as spaces are filling fast.

School Bank Account Details (Please ensure you deposit any money into the correct account)

Board of Trustees - School Account:
06 0942 0045712 00

PTA – Fundraising Account:
03 1732 0001257 00

Community News

YOUNG MUSICIANS GROUP

If you play a musical instrument, even if you are only a beginner, please come and join our group of young musicians.

We are getting together on Saturday 18th May at the Basilica at 2.00 p.m. to learn some hymns to play at Mass.

For more information or for transport phone Pauline Diack on 45 43191 or Jan Genobe on 021 0543926

Does your child or pre-schooler love to move, jump, dance and be active?

Dunedin Gymnastics Academy has spaces available for anyone wanting to start Gymnastics!

Play gym: For Boys and Girls under 5, this programme develops coordination, confidence and movement.

Kiwi Gym Fun: For Boys and Girls 5-8 years old. These classes are designed to be fun, challenging and help develop physical skills and confidence that can be transferred to any sport.

Sport Gym: For Boys and Girls 7-16 years olds wanting to further develop their gymnastic skills. Gymnasts learn skills on vault, bar, rings, beam, floor and trampoline.

Parkour: For Boys and Girls 5 years+. Learn Free Running and Parkour style tricks in a safe, supervised environment.

Trampoline: For Boys and Girls 5 years+. Learn to bounce! This class teaches the basics of trampoline and double mini-trampoline, as well as basic trampoline safety

Rhythmic Gymnastics: For Girls 5 years+ who love to combine dance and gymnastics.

Team Gym: For Girls and Boys 8 years+. Team Gym combines parts of tumbling, mini tramp vaulting, acrobatic balances and dance to create exciting and fun gymnastic displays

You can register now on our website: <https://dunedingymnastics.co.nz/>

Or for more information please contact: manager@dunedingymnastics.co.nz



 DUNEDIN GYMNASTIC ACADEMY

Muslims, Christians & Jews - "People of the Book"

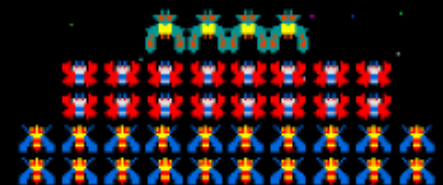
The terrible events of March 15th, and the powerful response throughout the nation afterwards, drew particular attention to the reality that Muslim people are our neighbours. For Catholic Christians the relationship is even closer, because Muslims, and Jews, believe in the same God that we do – and we teach this in our schools.

There are many differences in understandings, customs and expressions of faith, so come along and find out about some of them as Colin MacLeod, Director of the National Centre for Religious Studies, shares what the Catholic Secondary Religious Education programme teaches about us – together - as People of the Book.

Parents and Grandparents of children of all ages and any parishioners interested in this topic will find these sessions valuable.

(These two sessions are provided at the request of St Brigid's Board of Trustees and are being offered to the whole of Mercy Parish.)

St Patrick's Basilica, Macandrew Rd
6.00-7.30pm - Two Thursdays - 23rd & 30th of May.



INMOTION
THE MOVING PARTS OF CONTEMPORARY ART

RETRO GAMES DAY



We're celebrating the opening of our latest exhibition **INMOTION** by moving our bodies and testing our minds in this fun-filled, family **RETRO GAMES DAY**. Join us in the Gallery foyer to reveal your Pac-Man and Pinball skills, show off your table-tennis prowess, or challenge the kids to Air Hockey and Foosball, all supplied by our friends at Videotech. Topped off with classic games and puzzles and popcorn for all!

FREE 11am-4pm SATURDAY 18 MAY



The INMOTION exhibition starts Saturday 18 May

Exhibition Partner



www.dunedin.art.museum

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